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In re Application of :  
Shell S. Simpson :  
Application No. 09/981,392 :  
Filed: October 17, 2001 :  
Attorney Docket No. 10007682-1 :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 29, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed April 28, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on July 29, 2006.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Notice of Appeal and Appeal Brief; (2) the petition fee of \$1500; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Williams at (571) 272-2991.

The application file is being forward to Technology Center 2155 for appropriate action on the Notice of Appeal and Appeal Brief.

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